

FISCAL NOTE
HB 875 - SB 1019

February 26, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a 17-member Professional Standards Commission to work under the oversight of the Department of Education to assume all functions and duties relative to the licensure of public school teachers. Creates an appeals council to be appointed by the Commissioner of Education to hear appeals from determinations of the Professional Standards Commission. Sets the fee for issuance of an initial teaching license in this state at no more than \$200, and the fee for renewal of such license at no more than \$50.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$225,000 FY08-09

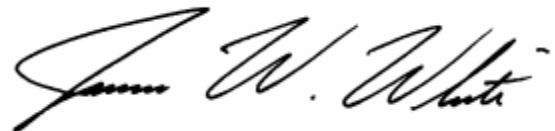
Increase State Revenues - \$2,250,000 FY08-09

Assumptions:

- The bill provides for a \$200 fee charged for the issuance of an initial teaching license and a \$50 fee for a renewal of a teaching license.
- An estimated 5,000 new teachers would pay a \$200 fee annually for issuance of a license and an estimated 25,000 existing teachers would pay a \$50 fee for a renewal license, generating \$2,250,000 in state revenues.
- No fees would be collected by the commission until July 1, 2008.
- Requires the Department of Education to appoint a deputy commissioner to be the chief administrative officer of the commission at a cost of \$125,000 including salary, benefits, and related expenses.
- In addition, the commission would require two clerical positions to collect the revenue related to the issuance of the license at a cost of \$100,000 including salaries, benefits, and related expenses.
- The cost of the three new positions would be funded through the revenue collections of the commission.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director